

SEASONED ENVIRO JOINS COMMISSION HOPEFULS

In a surprise move, Andy Stahl Wellborn — national environmental advocate, local sheep farmer and son of world-renowned biologist Frank Stahl — has applied for the East Lane County Commission spot opening Aug. 15. Commissioner Tom Lininger is leaving the board to teach at the UO Law School.



BASIL CHILDERS

Stahl Wellborn, who has served as executive director of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics (FSEE) for almost a decade now, says he decided to try for the appointment in part because of his upbringing and history in Lane County, and in greater part because of his experiences the last three years fostering, and ultimately adopting, two children through local social service agencies. "That was our first introduction to the social safety net and the important services government provides for people who are in just really deep trouble," says Stahl.

In terms of what he would hope to accomplish given the chance, Stahl Wellborn would like to see "substantially lower levels of unemployment, lower levels of drug abuse, and substantially increased support for K-12 education." But he also understands that "these are generally not matters that county government can affect unilaterally." As the top three concerns for East Lane County, Stahl Wellborn identifies: reauthorizing the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act; eradicating methamphetamine use and its ensuing criminal and health risks; and seeking from the state Legislature a better balance in the allocation of payments to counties for education — amending the division of funds from 75-25 percent in favor of roads to a 50-50 split, or even better, 75-25 in favor of schools.

Twenty-two other Lane County residents have also applied for the position. They are Scott Bell of Springfield; Michael Dean of Coburg; Stephen J. Dingham of Creswell; Randall P. Gast of Eugene; Donald E. Hampton of Oakridge; Cedric L. Hayden of Fall Creek; Mark F. Herbert of Springfield; Gordon B. Howard of Dexter; Kathy Keable of Blue River; Ed Kemp of Springfield; Al King of Springfield; Donald Nordin of Cottage Grove; Martha Roberts of Creswell;

Joachim Schulz of Cottage Grove; Myron B. Smith of Oakridge; Fay H. Stewart II of Cottage Grove; Anne (Lauri) Thomas of Creswell; James Thraillkill of Vida; Cindy Weeldryer of Cottage Grove; Ralph A. Wheeler of Springfield; Gary L. Williams of Cottage Grove; and David A. Wood of Leaburg.

The deadline for applications was July 14, and the BCC began evaluating materials July 16. While Lininger will stay involved in the process for as long as he is able, he will not be able to vote on his replacement. It remains to be seen whether this pool of applicants includes one that the four remaining commissioners can agree upon.

—Bobbie Willis

HEMPFEST FOLK DANCE WITH COPS

Despite obstacles in the planning stages, the Emerald Empire HempFest will be held from 10 am to 10 pm Saturday, July 19 at Alton Baker Park.

Dan Koozer, one of the organizers of the free HempFest, says the biggest roadblock to making the event happen has been financial.

The organization's original plan laid out a \$10,000 budget, typical for an event expected to draw 2,500 people. What organizers didn't expect, however, were the costly requirements the Eugene Police Department had for them.

"The police stated that they would just as soon it didn't happen, but set up parameters we had to work under," says Dan Koozer, one of the festival organizers.

The most challenging of those parameters is the \$4,100 festival organizers have to shell out to hire four off-duty police officers for additional security at the event. The police officers cost more than six times what the organization is paying for private security.

"It was devastating to us," Koozer says about the additional requirements. But he is optimistic that they may be able to get around the police requirements next year if this year's event is successful.

Other than the EPD, Koozer says the responses they've received have been very positive.

"The Parks Department has been absolutely fantastic," he says, and the festival has also received support and donations from local businesses and organizations. In addition, all of the music at the event has been donated.

"The positive responses we have received are very gratifying and really keep us

THIS MODERN WORLD

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MANY AMERICANS WERE STARTLED WHEN THE PRESIDENT SEEMED TO DARE ENEMY COMBATANTS TO ATTACK U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL... THERE ARE SOME WHO FEEL LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW, THE CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT THEY CAN ATTACK US THERE. MY ANSWER IS, BRING THEM ON!*



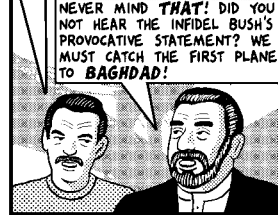
...BUT HIS SUPPORTERS QUICKLY EXPLAINED WHAT HE REALLY MEANT! WHAT APPEARED TO BE MINDLESS BELLCOSITY WAS ACTUALLY PART OF A CAREFULLY CONCERNED STRATEGY! THAT'S RIGHT! YOU SEE, THE PRESIDENT, IS DELIBERATELY USING THE ONGOING CONFLICT IN IRAQ TO LURE THE TERRORISTS OUT INTO THE OPEN!*



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AND CLEARLY THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN IS WORKING! AFTER ALL, THERE HASN'T BEEN A TERRORIST ATTACK IN THE U.S. SINCE HE MADE HIS REMARKS! WE ARE READY TO PROCEED WITH OUR PLOT TO DESTROY THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE!



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pumped," Koozer says.

In addition to music, the event will feature vendors and non-profit organizations that promote hemp products and processes. Parking is limited, but valet parking for bicycles will be available.

For more information, see Saturday Calendar or visit www.emeraldempire-hempfest.com or e-mail Dan Koozer at dankoozer@yahoo.com — Kelly O'Brien

DUELING DOLLARS LEAVE FOREST FATE FLOATING

If Kyle Spring is unfamiliar to you, it is probably because the spring, and the two acres of virgin Douglas fir forest that surrounds it just outside the city of Monroe, is bordered on four sides by private property. Nevertheless, its upcoming sale by the city, which can no longer use Kyle Springs as a water source for Monroe, is sparking debate and passions in area landowners. In an odd coincidence, the two highest bids for the property are identical at \$70,500 each, yet have come from two very different parties: Mahogany Aulenbach, a staunch conservationist, and Todd Nystrom, the president of Hull-Oaks Lumber Company.

Citizens expressed their concern over the future of Kyle Spring and Nystrom's intentions for the land at the Monroe City Council meeting Monday night, July 14. Headed by

Aulenbach, area citizens raised the bid price over the past three months in their effort to preserve the trees, some of which are larger than six feet in diameter. "It surprises me that when you did not need it (Kyle Spring) anymore, you would give it to someone with the potential of logging it off. We don't have too many big trees anymore," Aulenbach said to the council.

While Aulenbach and others are not certain what they would do upon acquiring the property, "our first priority is saving the trees," said Katie Stokes, an advocate for Kyle Spring's conservation. Stokes urged the council that "this is a unique chance for a city to get a full bid, as high of a bid as they would have got, and still have it as a city park or perhaps a private park if they did not want it. We (citizens) could own it and it can be preserved as a remnant of an historic spring and the ancient forest forever instead of it going into private hands."

Nystrom was not present at the meeting, but was reached for comment the following morning. "This has nothing to do with Hull-Oaks. This is my personal stuff," he said. Though he was unable to promise that the land would never be logged, he stressed that he, and Hull-Oaks in general, "look at the long-term, for the future ... we're guilty by association. We're the lumber industry." Kyle Spring and the surrounding trees are bordered by Nystrom's property on three sides.

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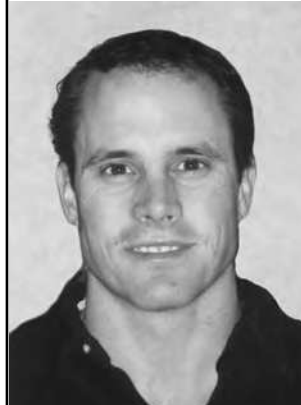
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